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VFW Post No.

286 to hold a fish fry on Friday

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 286 will host a fish fry from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20 at 3678 W. Old 24, according to Dan Ford.

The menu will include hand beer-battered fish, cowboy beans, coleslaw and hush puppies.

The cost is \$10 per person. The event will be open to the public. Carryout will be available.

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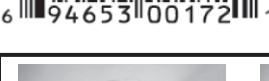
NMCH celebrates 'Securing the Vote: Women's Suffrage in Indiana'

The North Manchester Center for History (NMCH) invites visitors to enjoy a new traveling exhibit from the Indiana Historical Society (IHS) marking the

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Get ready to 'Get the Led Out'

Led Zeppelin tribute band set to make Wabash debut Thursday

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Attention all Led Zeppelin fans: If there's a bustle in your hedgerow, don't be alarmed now. It's just the sounds of Led Zeppelin tribute band, Get the Led Out, who are set to make their Wabash debut this week.

The six-piece band is set to perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Honeywell Center. Most seats are either \$25 or \$35, with premium seating

for \$75.

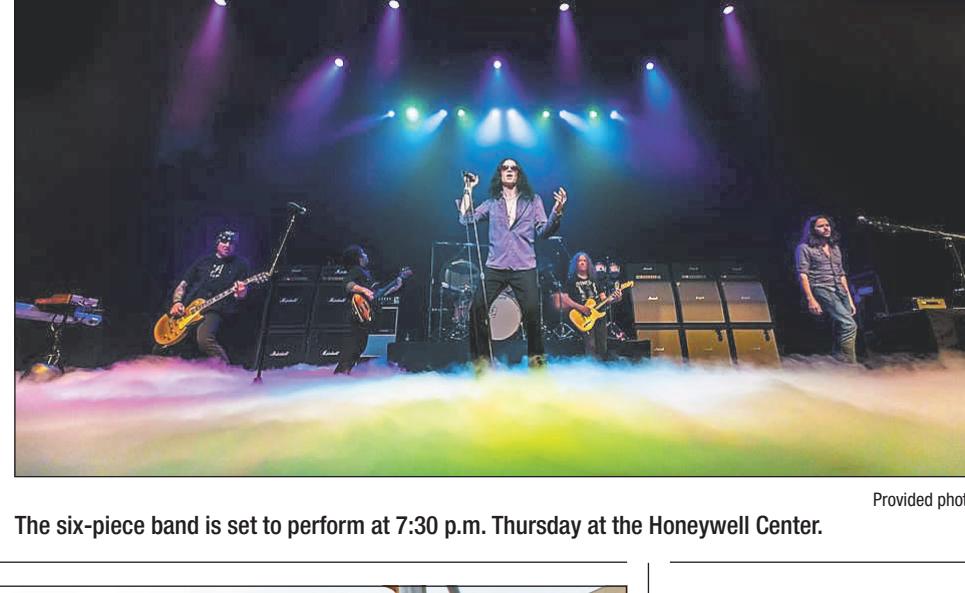
In a recent phone interview, singer Paul Sinclair said the origins of the band were "really about as organic as it gets."

Sinclair said he and his friend, guitarist and business partner Paul Hammond, had been performing together for many years.

"In the early 2000s we got to a point where we were sick of putting bands together with people ... who aren't serious or have the right agenda," said Sinclair.

"We were sitting in with people at open mics just for

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Provided photo

The six-piece band is set to perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Honeywell Center.



The collision occurred at around 1 p.m. Tuesday at the intersection of Canal and Cass streets.

Street Dept. truck, SUV involved in property damage accident

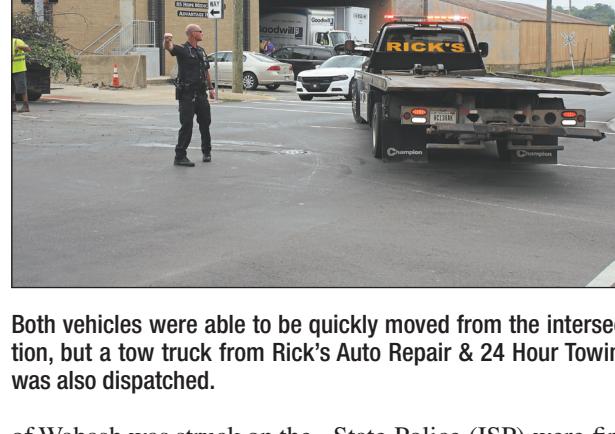
The collision occurred at around 1 p.m. Tuesday at the intersection of Canal, Cass streets

By ROB BURGESS
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A property damage accident on Tuesday afternoon in downtown Wabash left two vehicles in need of repair, but without any apparent injuries to the drivers.

The collision occurred at around 1 p.m. at the intersection of Canal and Cass streets.

A red Chevrolet Silverado 3500 HD owned by the city



Both vehicles were able to be quickly moved from the intersection, but a tow truck from Rick's Auto Repair & 24 Hour Towing was also dispatched.

of Wabash was struck on the driver's side by a white Ford Escape.

Officers from the Indiana

State Police (ISP) were first on the scene, with Wabash Police Department (WPD) officers showing up soon

after.

Both vehicles were able to be quickly moved from the intersection, but a tow truck from Rick's Auto Repair & 24 Hour Towing was also dispatched.

Soon after arriving on the scene, Wabash Street Department superintendent Scott Richardson began surveying the damage to the city's vehicle.

"Yeah, it's repairable," said Richardson.

Richardson said the truck had just come from the north side of town and that the bed was full of discarded brush.

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Learn More Center recognizes students

Forty graduates have earned High School Equivalency diplomas in the past year

By ROB BURGESS
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The Learn More Center recently recognized the 40 students who have earned the High School Equivalency (HSE) diplomas during the past year, said development officer Gary Montel.

The Learn More Center, an adult basic education center with locations in Wabash and North Manchester. Motel said they were "excited to highlight the success" of these students.

"By attaining this credential, graduates have proven their competency in writing, reading, math, social studies, science and logic skills," said Montel.

Montel said in addition, 17 students were nominated and joined the National Adult Education Honor Society, "demonstrating the attributes of dependable attendance, cooperative attitude and work ethic."

Montel said a graduation and induction ceremony celebrating the success of these Learn More Center students was held Saturday, July 31 at the Wabash Alliance Church, with 165 people in attendance.

Montel said six graduates spoke, "highlighting their journeys, barriers, and triumphs as they persevered in their educational and life pilgrimages."

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Three local notable historical buildings honored by state

Recent National Register of Historic Places additions honored

By ROB BURGESS
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Several historical Wabash County buildings were honored at a ceremony in Indianapolis, said Lavonne

Sparling, of the Lagro Canal Foundation.

The presentation was held by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology at the Indiana State Fair in the DNR amphitheater.

"Several organizations across Indiana were presented certificates for buildings,

cemeteries, bridges or farms that have been recently accepted into the National Register of Historic Places," said Sparling. "Wabash County received three certificates."

The certificates were presented by Indiana DNR director Daniel W. Bortner and Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology di-

rector Beth McCord.

Co-owner Mike Beachamp accepted the certificate for the 13-24 Drive In Theater, which was approved for addition to the state and national registers after the meeting held April 14 at the Westfield City Hall Assembly Room. During that April meeting, architectural historian Holly

Tate recommended the

property for inclusion, which opened in 1951 on 17 acres on Wabash's northeast side and is currently operated by the Honeywell Foundation. Tate said the theater was eligible for inclusion "for its demonstration of evolving forms of recreation." Tate said "because of the rarity of

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Registration is now open for Leadership Development cohort

The eight-month program is designed for young professionals and emerging leaders

STAFF REPORT

Grow Wabash County has announced that registration is now open for the 2021-2022 cohort of the Leadership Development Wabash County (LDWC) program, according to Grow Wabash County project manager for marketing and events Chelsea Boulrisse.

This eight-month program will invite young professionals and emerging leaders to attend monthly classes that will encourage them to better understand themselves, their leadership style and how they can use their strengths to make an impact in Wabash County.

Each day-long class will take place at a different location around the county to better acquaint these leaders with many assets and re-

sources Wabash County has to offer. Throughout the program, the cohort will learn about their abilities through the DISC and Strengths-Finder assessments and will be tasked with completing at least 25 hours for a community service project.

In addition to learning about personal leadership and the Wabash County community, there will also be sessions facilitated by professors from Indiana University Kokomo that will cover topics such as public speaking, emotional intelligence and conflict resolution.

"We are excited to be partnering with Indiana University Kokomo (IUK) to bring a robust curriculum to the LDWC program," said Grow Wabash County president and CEO Keith Gillenwater.

"The IUK professors will challenge our local leaders to consider all aspects of being a leader and encouraging them to push their boundaries to ultimately become a more

effective leader in their professional and personal lives."

Tuition for this program is \$485 for GWC Investors and \$585 for the general public. The tuition covers all course materials, assessments, meals and snacks provided throughout the eight-month program.

Grow Wabash County will also award full tuition to one LDWC applicant through the Jim Smith Scholarship, named for Jim Smith, who recently retired from his position as the head facilitator for the LDWC program. Applications for the scholarship can be completed by visiting www.growwabashcounty.com/smithscholarship.

To register or to receive information about scholarships, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/ldwc2122, call 260-563-5258 or email chelsea@growwabashcounty.com.

For more information, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/lead.

Grow Wabash County, Content Creative to host marketing workshop series

There will be four sessions between Sept. 2021 and Jan. 2022

STAFF REPORT

Grow Wabash County is teaming up with Melissa Meredith, owner of Content Creative marketing firm, to present "Thinking Big in Your Smaller Business," a series of workshops to help Wabash County businesses of all sizes and industries boost their message through effective marketing, according to Grow Wabash County project manager for marketing and events Chelsea Boulrisse.

This workshop will have four sessions between September 2021 and January 2022. The first three will be hosted virtually over Zoom to break down some of the key concepts of marketing: branding, digital marketing and content creation. The fourth session will be an in-person workshop with Meredith to create a marketing plan for each business.

"Grow Wabash County is always excited to bring new and relevant educational opportunities to our Grow Wabash County investors and the Wabash County business community at large," said Grow Wabash County CEO and president Keith Gillenwater.

"We are especially excited to be working with a professional that grew up in Wabash County and is enthusiastic about providing her insight on marketing for businesses of all sizes."

Meredith is a Wabash County native, having grown up in Wabash and graduated from Southwood High School. Meredith attended Indiana University with a degree in Telecommunications, and eventually founded Content Creative, a marketing firm based out of Tampa, Florida.

"It's been so great to see the growth in Wabash County over the years and the influx of businesses small and large that have called Wabash home," Meredith said. "I look forward to sharing my marketing knowledge with these business owners

and helping to grow their marketing education and empower them to continue serving Wabash County and beyond."

This four-part series will meet monthly via Zoom between September and November on the second Friday of each month from 8 to 9 a.m. The fourth session will be an in-person half-day workshop from 8 a.m. to noon Friday, Jan. 14, 2022.

Tuition for the "Thinking Big in Your Smaller Business," program is \$40 for Grow Wabash County Investors and \$50 for the general public. Each attendee will receive both group instruction as well as one-on-one work with Meredith through the duration of the workshop.

Businesses will also have access to Meredith's marketing consultation services at a discounted rate following the completion of the four-part series.

To register, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/thinkbig, email marketing@growwabashcounty.com or call 260-563-5258.

that's why I love Led Zeppelin. The live stuff, some of it was cool, but I want them to sound just like the record. That's what got me inspired. That's what gave me goosebumps. Most people that love Led Zeppelin, it's not that they liked what they did in concert, they loved the albums."

Sinclair said the magic of the studio, with its extra instrumentation, was the reason for the longevity of the music.

"This music is so important and it means so much to so many," said Sinclair. "Americans, we don't fall in love with the song, we fall in love with a performance of a song. So much of rock radio is about these studio versions. People are so attached to them. I wanted to make these songs right, like the album."

Sinclair said originally the rest of the band wanted Hammond to play behind a curtain to keep up the illusion of a four-piece band.

"There was a lot of back and forth in the old days. The people that originally contacted me didn't stay around long," said Sinclair. "Even though I was asked to join, I've always been a leader in my own groups. Once I was asked to join this thing. There was no great organization, so I took the lead like I usually do. We're all about trying to get somewhere with stuff, forward motion and making things better. We eventually got the right people in place. A few years later it turned into what it should have been."

Sinclair said the reason for their nearly two decades of success as a band was their pure love of the source material.

"I come at this as a fan first," said Sinclair. "The people in this project all love and adore Led Zeppelin and that's why they're here."

Sinclair said of the 73 Led Zeppelin songs from the original eight original records, they have performed 70 of them.

"You're not going to come to a Led Zeppelin show and not hear 'Stairway to Heaven' or 'Kashmir' or 'Whole Lotta Love.' There are some that are pretty important to the show. There's about six of them which never change," said Sinclair. "I love 'Babe, I'm Gonna Leave You.' We do it at most of our shows. It's so emotion-filled."

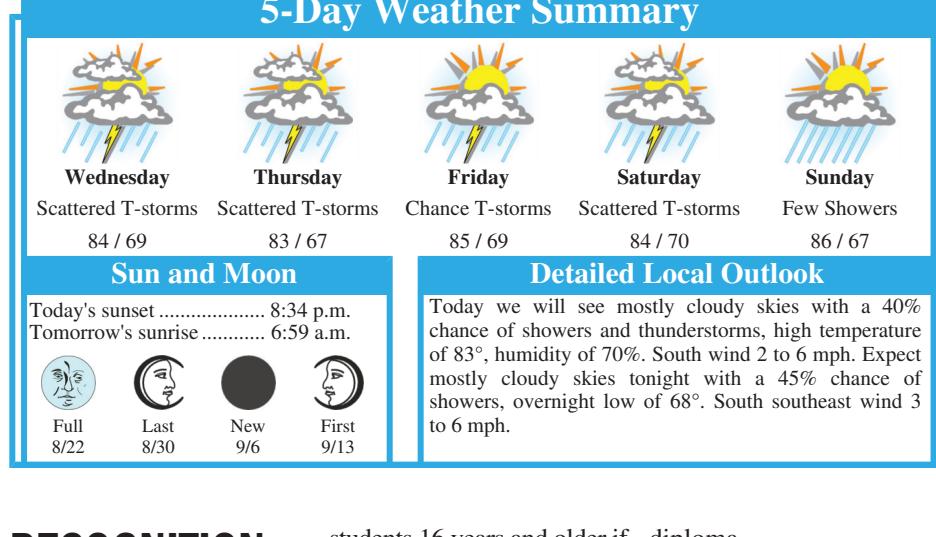
Sinclair said they work hard to match the original studio performances during their live shows.

"We all wear in-ear monitors on the stage, it's like listening to a Led Zeppelin CD in our head and I sing along," said Sinclair. "Our show is designed so we can come out and play air guitar, air drum and sing along with me to the greatest music ever made. We're not up there trying to pretend we're Led Zeppelin. We're delivering it like any one of the fans would in their own shower."

Sinclair said they switch up the setlist regularly to keep it fresh for both the band and the audience.

"Every show is different from the last. We're probably going to have two or three deep cuts. I want everyone to walk away feeling like they got what they wanted out of our show," said Sinclair. "I not about just looking like the band. For us, it's all about the music."

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RECOGNITION

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In March, the North Manchester Town Council unanimously approved \$6,150 in funding. At their regular monthly meeting in February, Learn More Center director of education Cynthia Johnson first presented their request.

Johnson said they would use \$1,150 to provide 10 high school equivalency (HSE) scholarships to students in North Manchester, \$2,500 for an HSE examiner and supplies and \$2,250 for community outreach. Johnson said they would also seek business and church assistance "to help with other student barriers such as transportation, food and learning materials."

Johnson said the Learn More Center is one to one. Johnson said around 85 percent of their students have spent some time in special education, many of which earning a certificate of completion instead of a

diploma. Johnson said the fee for the HSE test is now \$115, when it used to be \$90. Johnson said some of that was paid for during the last quarter through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Act.

Johnson said they had around 20 students regularly attending their center in Wabash and eight to 10 in North Manchester during any given week. At the Learn More Center, educational programming is offered at the Wabash County Community Learning Center in Wabash and the Town Life Center in North Manchester.

"Services are confidential and, thanks to the generosity of our donors, are of no cost to students," said Montel. For more information, call or text 260-330-1461 or visit www.learnmorecenter.org.

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Pictured from left to right are, in the back row, Michael Beachamp, Beth Gillespie and Daniel Bortner; and in the front row, Deb Strange, Lavonne Sparling and Beth McCord.

BUILDINGS

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the resources" the property also qualified for architecture. Board member Jason Larrison said there had been a duplicate of the theater's sign in Columbus, but that one had "unfortunately been torn down." Tate said there were around 10 other drive-in theaters included on the state's registry, but that the 13-24 Drive-In Movie Theater was the one that was best preserved.

Lagro Canal Foundation president Beth Gillespie, vice president Deb Strange and Sparling, who was the grant writer, accepted the certificates for two build-

ings in Lagro, The F&AM Tuscan Lodge No. 143 and the Improved Order of Red Men (IORM) Hall Tonkawa No. 32. In July 2020, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) announced that 12 properties would receive funding through the Historic Renovation Grant Program, including three in Wabash County, according to Melissa Thomas, communications director.

One of the local projects which benefitted from the grants included the Improved Order of Red Men (IORM) building in Lagro.

LCF Properties was awarded \$58,908 to preserve the exterior of the former

building in the town of Lagro. Located in the historic downtown, the funding was to be used for repairing and preserving the windows, doors, storefront and exterior brick walls. Plans for the building included hosting a business that will complement other local enterprises, including a coffee shop, bistro, Airbnb and possible river recreational opportunities.

Sparling said they were "fortunate" to receive the OCRA Historical Renovation Grant in 2018, so the exterior of the former bank and hardware has been completed.

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PULSE

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100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which recognized a woman's right to vote. The exhibit, "Securing the Vote: Women's Suffrage in Indiana," will be open to the public from Tuesdays through Saturdays through Saturday, Aug. 21 at 122 E. Main St., North Manchester. For more information, call 260-982-0672 or visit www.northmanchestercenterforhistory.org.

Clark Gallery exhibit presents rich contributions of Latino artists

"Artes Latinas in Wabash," on display through Sunday, Aug. 22 in the Honeywell Center Clark Gallery, presents the rich and varied contributions of Latino artists. The exhibit presents the artistic creations of six professional artists, including various styles such as illustration, printmaking, painting, muralism and graphic design. Works featured in the exhibit are presented by Colombian, Puerto Rican, Nuyorican and Mexican artists. In addition, the exhibit features the artistic creations of Wabash County students who worked alongside visiting artist Ana Velazquez for We the Many, a project of Arts Midwest. For more information, visit HoneywellArts.org.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25 and Wednesday, Sept. 22 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, Sept. 8 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Friends of the NMPL to hold a book sale

The Friends of the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) will hold a book sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26 to Saturday, Aug. 28 in the library, 405 N. Market St., North Manchester, according to Shirley Glade. For more information, call 260-982-4773 or email nmpl@nman.lib.in.us.

'Liking for Biking' returns

Through Saturday, Aug. 28, anyone of any age or skill level who is interested in a free, family-friendly hour-long bike ride is invited to meet at 8:45 a.m. each Saturday at Paradise Spring Historical Park's upper pavilion, 351 W. Market St. Helmets are required. The next health assessment will take place at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 inside of door 10 at Parkview Wabash Hospital, 10 John Kissinger Drive, while the rest of the rides will start at Paradise Spring Historical Park with wheels rolling at 9 a.m. For more information, www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or call 260-563-7171.

Downtown Wabash Shop Hop runs throughout August

Shop Hop has returned to downtown Wabash through Tuesday, Aug. 31 and includes a chance to win a prize of \$100 in Shop Hop Dollars, which are redeemable at the participating businesses. Participants will take an August Shop Hop form to each participating business and receive a validation mark, no purchase necessary. Once the Shop Hop form is 100 percent completed, participants will submit their form to one of the participating businesses, Bickford of Wabash, 3037 W. Division Road, or the Wabash Marketplace office, 189 S. Miami St., August Shop

Hop forms must be submitted by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31 for a chance to win. The winner will be selected in early September. Four downtown businesses participating in August's Shop Hop include Schlemmer's Fire & Outdoor, 108 W. Canal St., Wabash CrossFit, 120 W. Canal St., Charley Creek Inn Candy & Ice Cream Shoppe, 111 W. Market St., and Visit Wabash County, 221 S. Miami St. Entry forms are available at each of the participating businesses and a digital copy of the form is available at Wabash Marketplace.org.

INDOT to begin asphalt resurfacing on Indiana 13

Asphalt resurfacing has been planned on Indiana 13 between County Road 700 and County Road 800. The work is expected to be complete by the beginning of September.

Wabash Marketplace to host tent party in downtown Wabash

Wabash Marketplace is celebrating 40 years of growth and revitalization in downtown Wabash in 2021 with a tent party on September's First Friday from 5 to 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3 at the Veteran's Plaza and Tremont Park Lot in downtown Wabash. The event is free and open to the public. The event begins at 5 p.m. with free karaoke, courtesy of Wabash Area Community Theater (WACT) to promote the upcoming "Sister Act" performances. Local band, 35 Trax, featuring Bob Pilgrim, Tom Elshire and Jerry Wade will take the stage from 7 to 10 p.m. with classic rock favorites. Guests are invited to wear their favorite 1980s attire and join the party. For more information, visit WabashMarketplace.org/first-friday.

Recovery event looks to help those struggling find 'Hope in the Darkness'

The Christian Fellowship Church Of North Manchester is hosting their second annual "Let There Be Light: Finding Hope In The Darkness" recovery event from 7 to 11 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 5 at the 13-24 Drive-In, 890 Indiana 13. The event will be free and open to the public.

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/902042577039832/>.

Salamonie Forest Preschool to begin in September

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool from September 2021 through May 2022 for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area.

Classes for the once a month option will be held Tuesdays including Sept. 14, 2021; Oct. 5, 2021; Nov. 2, 2021; Dec. 7, 2021; Jan. 4, 2022; Feb. 1, 2022; March 1, 2022; April 12, 2022; and May 3, 2022. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays including Sept. 28, 2021; Oct. 19, 2021; Nov. 16, 2021; Dec. 21, 2021; Jan. 18, 2022; Feb. 15, 2022; March 15, 2022; April 26, 2022; and May 17, 2022. The program fee for the package of nine once-a-month sessions is \$60 per child ages 3 to 5. Additional siblings are \$35. The program fee for the package of 18 twice a month sessions is \$100 per child, and additional siblings are \$75. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnri.gov/uw or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Dr. Ford Home announces 'fun, family-friendly' event lineup

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment welcomes guests of all ages to Dr. James Ford

Historic Home, 177 W. Hill St., for a full schedule of fun, family-friendly events in 2021, including The American Front Porch at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14; Autumn Festival from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1; Trick or Treat at the Home during the city of Wabash's trick-or-treat hours; and Wabash and Erie Canal history program with Jeff Koehler at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23. For more information, visit HoneywellArts.org/dr-ford-home.

Founders Day on the horizon

The Founders Day Festival, which begins with the parade through downtown Wabash, kicks off at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18. Canceled last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's event includes the Farmers Market moving onto Miami Street, between Canal and Market streets, a concert featuring Goshen's Abby Thomas at Paradise Spring Historical Park, a wreath-decorating contest, a Little Mister and Miss contest, reenactors at Paradise Spring and children's games, food trucks and vendors at the park until 4 p.m. For more information, call 260-563-4171.

Anyone wishing to take part in the activities at the Pioneer Village may contact Paradise Spring board of directors president Deanna Unger by calling 260-571-2879. Wabash County YMCA vice president of operations Patty Godfrey is looking for volunteers. For more information, call her at 260-563-9622.

Manchester Civic Band plans live performances

Manchester Civic Band performances at Peabody Retirement Community have been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 22 and Dec. 1. This year's Timbercrest Retirement Community performances have been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 29 and Dec. 8. They have tentatively scheduled performances for Saturday, Oct. 2 for a concert at Harvest Fest; the North Manchester Fun Fest parade; and at Doud's Orchard Open House in Denver, Indiana.

Salamonie Lake workdays conclude Sept. 25

Salamonie Lake's Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, will host volunteer workdays at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. For more information, call 260-468-2127.

Downtown Wabash Farmers' Market running every Saturday

The Downtown Wabash Farmers' Market continues its 2021 season from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays through Saturday, Sept. 26 in the Honeywell Center/Wabash Elks parking lot on the corner of Cass and Market St. To become a vendor for the 2021 Market, visit WabashMarketplace.org/farmers-market or call 260-563-0975. For more information about Downtown Wabash Farmers' Market, visit WabashMarketplace.org/farmers-market.

8th annual Car and Bike Show Bike Ride for Riley Kids planned

The Clown Town Motorcycles and Sharp Shooters Express will present the 8th annual Car and Bike Show Bike Ride for Riley Kids on Saturday, Oct. 2 at the American Legion Post No. 248, 800 Washington St., Lagro. Car show registration will be \$15 per car and will begin at 11 a.m., with kickstands up and entertainment starting at noon. For more information, call 260-466-7655.

Salamonie 'Tweens Among the Trees' Forest School planned

Children ages 6 to 13 are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool from November 2021 through April 2022 at

3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The class will be offered one Wednesday a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews. Classes will be held on Wednesdays: Nov. 3, 2021; Dec. 8, 2021; Jan. 5, 2022; Feb. 2, 2022; March 2, 2020; and April 20, 2022. The program fee for the package of six sessions is \$60 per child, ages 6 to 13; additional siblings are \$50. Advance registration is required. Limited space is available. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnri.gov/uw or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Honeywell Ladies Golf Association season continues

The Tuesday Honeywell Ladies Golf Association (LGA) will begin their season with a 9 a.m. shotgun Tuesdays, according to Lana Garber. The yearly dues of \$15 will be taken then. New members are welcome. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. All Tuesday events are scrambles. Register in the clubhouse by noon Monday.

Honeywell Pool to open on a limited basis

For the time being, the Mark C. Honeywell Pool will be open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays each week. For more information, visit www.wabashcountymca.org.

'Explore Salamonie' hikes to be held monthly

Join Upper Wabash Interpretive Services for an "Explore Salamonie" hike at 5 p.m. during each month's first Saturday through September at Salamonie's Interpretive and Nature Center at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Registration is requested by calling 260-468-2127. Property entrance fees of \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle apply. State Park Annual Entrance Passes are available for purchase.

DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email office@wabashfriends.org, or visit www.divorcecare.org.

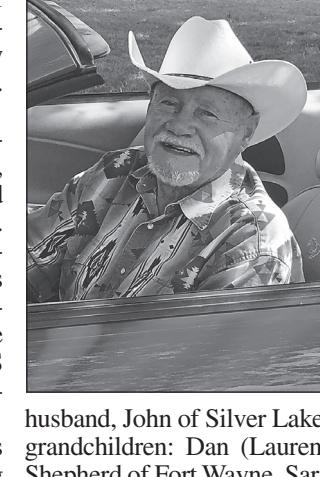
Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

Claude Shepherd

Aug. 14, 1926 - Aug. 12, 2021



Claude Shepherd, age 94 and a longtime resident of Warsaw, passed away quietly at Kosciusko Community Hospital on Thursday, Aug. 12, 2021 at 9:20 a.m.

Born in Prestonsburg, Kentucky on Aug. 14, 1926, Claude was the son of Abe and Vina (Vanderpool) Shepherd. His family moved to Kosciusko County when Claude was young, and he attended Silver Lake High School before honorably serving in the US Army's 11th Airborne Division.

Professionally, Claude was a retired postal carrier, having spent more than 32 years with the United States Postal Service. Though he retired from the USPS in 1987, Claude remained busy around the farm and in the community. He was a longtime member of Silver Creek Church of God and a member of American Legion Post 49. He enjoyed camping with his wife and singing at his church. He also enjoyed singing at Millers Merry Manor and at various churches around the area.

On June 7, 1952, Claude was united in marriage to Martha M. Middleton. Martha and Claude shared many happy memories, spending more than 62 years together before her passing in March of 2015. Also preceding Claude in passing are six siblings – brothers: Wayne, Alex, Charles and Clyde Shepherd and sisters: Thelma Wolfe and Myrtle Younce. Survivors include daughter, Sandra "Sandy" Shepherd and her

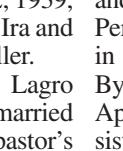
husband, John of Silver Lake; grandchildren: Dan (Lauren) Shepherd of Fort Wayne, Sara Shepherd of Silver Lake and Katie Westfall of North Manchester and great-grandchildren: January, Atticus, Finley and Thea. A Life Celebration® is planned with the assistance of Warsaw's Titus Funeral Home. Friends may gather for visitation at Silver Creek Church of God, 6504 West 1300 South, Silver Lake on Thursday, Aug. 19 from 10 to Noon. At Noon, family friend and former pastor of the church, Tom Craig will officiate Claude's funeral with burial to follow in Silver Creek Cemetery.

Those wishing to express their sympathy may give to the church with envelopes available at the visitation. Written condolences may be left for the family at www.TitusFuneralHome.com.

The family is requesting that masks be worn during the visitation and funeral service.

Virginia Ruth Smithers

July 2, 1939 - Aug. 14, 2021



Virginia Ruth Smithers, 82, of rural Lagro, Indiana, died at 3:14 pm, Saturday, Aug. 14, 2021, at her granddaughter's home in Bunker Hill, Indiana.

She was born on July 2, 1939, in Wabash, Indiana, to Ira and Mary Louise (Ply) Miller.

Virginia attended Lagro High School. She married Ellis Smithers at her pastor's home, on Nov. 18, 1961; he died Dec. 29, 2006. She was a homemaker and worked part time at Chowders Restaurant in Wabash, Virginia was a member of the Eastwood Church of Christ. She enjoyed cooking, baking pies from scratch, crossword puzzles, watching Little House on the Prairie with her grandkids, and eating banana splits.

She is survived by her son, Myron E. (Donna) Smithers of Wabash, two grandchildren, Shanna (Rory) Griffis of Bunker Hill, and Chaston (Pepper) Smithers of Peru, and

Funeral services will be 10:30 am, Friday, Aug. 20, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Tim Tyner, Evangelist officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion. Friends may call 9:30 – 10:30 am Friday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is the Wounded Warriors Project.

The memorial guest book for Virginia may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Cecil L. Pyle

Sept. 2, 1937 - Aug. 13, 2021

Cecil L. Pyle, 83, of North Manchester, died Aug. 13, 2021. Born in rural Silver Lake, Indiana, on Sept. 2, 1937, Cecil was the son of the late Robert and Lucile (Rager) Pyle.

Cecil is survived by his sisters, Doris (Richard) Duhaime, Evelyn (Dwight) Boyd, Esther May, and Joan Knoblett; sisters-in-law, Lu-

ciele Mishler and Dorothy Pyle; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021 from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Eel River Community Church of the Brethren, 2507 State Road 14, Silver Lake. Funeral services will begin at the conclusion of calling.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Symphony society announces officers, board members for the 83rd season

MSO has a team of people, mostly volunteers, working quietly in the background

By ANNE GREGORY

The Manchester Symphony Society Board of Directors secures financial support for the Manchester Symphony Orchestra (MSO); provides educational opportunities and outreach connected with the symphony; and works to help the symphony provide exceptional programs consistent with available resources.

Beth Driscoll is president.

"Our purpose is to provide high quality, live orchestra music to our county and the surrounding areas – to continue to bring the beauty of live performance to the area – to educate our youth about the importance of live music

and gathering to experience the movements, the joy, the peace, how it touches our soul," she said.

"Without the board, our wonderful donors and those who attend our concerts, the Manchester Symphony Orchestra would not exist in our area. Our ultimate 'why' is to provide the resources for all of these activities to happen," she said.

Driscoll is joined in these efforts by Past President Joanne Case, Vice President Tim Reed, Secretary Diana Bucher and Treasurer Daniel Naragon.

New board members this season are Hayley Cochran, Barry Drudge, Joe Eigner, Anne Gregory, Pamela

Haynes and Arturo Yanez.

Continuing board members are Conductor Debra Lynn, Orchestra Representative Lila Hammer and Judy Ward. Jon Hartman is the webmaster.

The society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that works to enhance the cultural, educational and economic health of the region.

"The symphony is a gem in our area, and I believe we can impact our communities in a positive way," Driscoll said. "Live music is moving, helping people find joy is important, and sharing beautiful music with young children can change their lives.

The orchestra adds a level of majesty to the North Manchester community through our performances, education outreach, guest artist residency and our presence

and our relationships. The impact we can bring to the people of our area is immeasurable."

With about 6,000 residents, North Manchester is one of the smallest communities in the nation with its symphony orchestra. Residents of Wabash County and what was then Manchester College founded the symphony in 1939. That partnership continues today with a carefully crafted collaboration of professional and community musicians, as well as selected Manchester University faculty, staff and student musicians.

For more information, visit manchestersymphonyorchestra.com.

Anne Gregory is chair of the marketing and publicity committee for Manchester Symphony Orchestra.

State notifying 750K after tracing data accessed

By RICK CALLAHAN

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana health officials said Tuesday they are notifying nearly 750,000 state residents that a cybersecurity company "improperly accessed" their personal data from the state's online COVID-19 contact tracing survey — a description the company disputed as a "falsehood."

The Indiana Department of Health said the state was notified July 2 that a company gained "unauthorized access" to data, including names, addresses, dates of birth, emails, and data on gender, ethnicity and race.

The nearly 750,000 people whose data was accessed represent all of the state's participants in its online COVID-19 contact tracing survey, said agency spokeswoman Megan Wade-Taxter.

State Health Commissioner Kris Box said the state health department does not collect Social Se-

curity information for its COVID-19 contact tracing program, and no medical information was obtained.

"We believe the risk to Hoosiers whose information was accessed is low," Box said in a news release.

State officials did not identify the company involved in their news release, but Wade-Taxter said the company was UpGuard, a cybersecurity company based in Mountain View, California.

UpGuard spokeswoman Kelly Rethmeyer said in statement Tuesday that Indiana's news release describing the data access incident includes "many falsehoods."

"For one, our company did not 'improperly access' the data. The data was left publicly accessible on the internet. This is known as a data leak," she said. "It was not unauthorized because the data was configured to allow access to anonymous users and we accessed it as an anonymous user."

Rethmeyer added that

UpGuard "discovered this leaked information in the course of our research and notified the Indiana Department of Health since they were unaware of the leak."

She added that the company "aided in securing the information, in turn ensuring that it would no longer be available to anyone with malicious intent."

A message seeking comment on UpGuard's statement was left Tuesday afternoon with Indiana's health department.

Indiana officials said in their news release that UpGuard signed a "certificate of destruction" last week with the state to confirm that it had destroyed the data and not released it to any other entity.

Rethmeyer said that UpGuard has deleted "all the data in our possession."

The Indiana Office of Technology and the state health department added that they have corrected a "software configuration issue" involved in the data access incident. Both de-

partments also requested the accessed records, and those were returned Aug. 4, according to the news release.

"We have corrected the software configuration and will aggressively follow up to ensure no records were transferred," said Tracy Barnes, Indiana's chief information officer.

Rethmeyer questioned the state's description of the software issue, saying that "the 'Configuration issue' is that every record was made to be publicly accessible."

Indiana's health department said it will send letters to affected Hoosiers notifying them that the state will provide one year of free credit monitoring and is partnering with Experian to open a call center to answer questions from those affected.

The Indiana Office of Technology said it will also continue regular scans to ensure that the information was not transferred to another party.

Indiana court ruling won't end extra unemployment payments

By TOM DAVIES

Associated Press

draw the state from all those programs, saying Indiana businesses had many job openings they were struggling to fill.

Holcomb praised the appeals court ruling, saying it confirmed he acted properly by withdrawing from the optional federal programs.

"These programs assisted Hoosiers in a time when some businesses were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic," Holcomb said in a statement. "Since that time, businesses are adapting so that they can remain open while maintaining a safe environment. Currently, Indiana has more than 143,000 job openings and I know there are even more out there."

More than two dozen Republican-led states terminated early their involvement in the federal programs that Congress adopted in March 2020 to support workers affected by the pandemic.

The \$300 payments have more than doubled Indiana's average \$280 weekly unemployment payment, which has a maximum of \$390 a week. Nearly 170,000 people in Indiana collected the extra \$300 payments before Holcomb announced the state's withdrawal in May, according to the state's Department of Workforce Development.

State officials have said those collecting the extra payments would not be asked to refund the money regardless of the outcome of the legal fight.

Attorneys Jennifer Terry and Jeffrey Macey, who represent those who filed the lawsuit, said in a statement that "unemployment benefits play a vital role in keeping people out of poverty while they look for new employment" and that they were reviewing the court's decision before deciding their next steps.

'Catacomb' masses after Pope Francis rules on Latin Mass?

It's easy for religious leaders to create new laws, but it's harder to convince believers to follow them.

At least, that's what the Benedictine monk Gratian — a canon law pioneer — argued in the 12th century:

Terry Mattingly "Laws are established when they are promulgated. ... They are confirmed when they have been approved by the long term

and reasoned acceptance of those who observe them."

Anyone doubting this wisdom should study Catholic social media, noted Cardinal Walter Brandmuller, the 92-year-old former leader of the Pontifical Committee for Historical Sciences. There has been a "hurricane" in the "blogger scene and other media" in response to Tradition Custodes ("Guardians of the Tradition"), the effort by Pope Francis to bind those who celebrate the traditional Latin Mass.

When confusion surrounds a new "ecclesiastical law" — as opposed to scripture and "natural law" doctrines — it's important to remember that its "validity ... ultimately depends on the consent of those affected by it," wrote Brandmuller, at Kath.net in Germany.

"The law must serve the good of the community, and not vice versa. ... If a law is not observed, or is no longer observed, whether from the beginning or after a time, it loses its binding force and becomes obsolete."

The pope's declaration has unleashed waves of grief among supporters of the now-retired Pope Benedict XVI and his apostolic letter

Summorum Pontificum ("Of the Supreme Pontiffs"), which claimed the post-Vatican II Novus Ordo was the "ordinary form" for the modern Mass, but that the older Tridentine rite was an "extraordinary form" that could be encouraged.

This fight is "not really about rites at all," wrote Father Raymond J. de Souza, in the journal First Things. "It's about Catholic life in the age of the internet. The Mass is the message."

The question is how Pope Francis will apply his ruling that the modern Mass is now the "unique expression" of the Catholic "lex orandi" (the law of what is prayed). Will this affect Byzantine liturgies used by Eastern Rite Catholics or rites approved for former Anglicans?

"Pope Francis could not be upset that rites — or even styles — divide. That's normal Catholic life," wrote de Souza. "As a Jesuit he would have experienced vast differences in liturgical celebration. ... Liberal practices can certainly be divisive, which is why some Catholics would never go to a Jesuit parish, while President Joe Biden does."

Meanwhile, the leader of the traditionalist Society of Saint Pius X — which has openly attacked Vatican II — stressed that this Pope Francis ruling proves that the peacemaking efforts of Benedict XVI have been "swept aside with a wave of a sleeve."

Paraphrasing St. Augustine, Father Don Davide Pagliarani claimed: "One could say that the two Masses have built two cities: The Mass of All

Times has built a Christian city; the New Mass seeks to build a humanist and secular city."

Bishop Athanasius Schnei-

der of Kazakhstan didn't go that far in an online blast, but said the Vatican cannot "suppress a heritage of the whole Church. ... You can continue to celebrate the (Latin) Mass, formally in disobedience, but you will be in obedience to the Church of all times, to all the popes who have celebrated this Mass." The result would be clandestine "catacomb Masses."

Elsewhere in the conservative Catholic blogosphere, Bishop Rob Mutsaerts of the Netherlands said Traditionis Custodes resembled a "declaration of war." He asked, deploying a German word Adolf Hitler used to describe "erasing" cities: "For God's sake, why?"

What is this obsession of Francis to want to erase that small group of traditionalists? The pope should be the guardian of tradition, not the jailer of tradition."

Heated worship wars rhetoric is merely one sign of tough times, noted Catholic conservative Ross Douthat, writing in his independent Substack newsletter, as opposed to his New York Times column. Mass attendance? It's in decline. New priests? Numbers are down. COVID-era finances? Tight.

"A sense of crisis magnifies differences that in a time of optimism and plenty might be debated in an irenic and fraternal spirit," he noted. "And this, of course, only makes the decline more likely to accelerate, because people outside the Church, and the marginally attached, look to whether the most fervent Catholics act like Christians, and instead see fratricide — or its Twitter equivalent."

Terry Mattingly leads GetReligion.org and lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is a senior fellow at the Overby Center at the University of Mississippi.

As you've likely heard by now, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo is resigning in the wake of allegations of utter disrespect, to put it mildly, of women on his staff. He should have resigned much earlier for his cover-up of how the

Kathryn Lopez state handled nursing homes during COVID-19. But on both fronts, our problems go beyond Cuomo.

His behavior with women is totally in keeping with the politics of expanding abortion, in which he has been a leader — in a place already described by some as the abortion capital of the world, no less. But while he unapologetically claims that the accusations of sexual harassment are just generational misunderstandings, the problem is really the sexual revolution and its accompanying disrespect for women. Just about every time I pray outside an abortion clinic, I see it — in the form of boyfriends who often won't even bother to open the car door for their supposed partners — but as the #MeToo movement hinted, it's everywhere.

But as Jennifer Roback Morse, president of the nonprofit Ruth Institute, puts it, "the #MeToo movement is not enough." Nor is getting Cuomo out of Albany. Morse contends it's not Cuomo who created a "toxic workplace," it was the sexual revolution, which "issued hunting licenses to predators."

She writes: "Too many men have internalized the revolutionary message that they are entitled to have sex as often as they choose, with whomever they choose.

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Cuomo's misdeeds reflect larger problem

Until that changes, we are going to continue to have these problems. Shameless men will continue to prey upon vulnerable women and men under their power."

In 1968, Pope Paul VI issued a famous encyclical on human life and love. And he was unfortunately prophetic:

He was concerned that the widespread use of contraception "could open wide the way for marital infidelity and a general lowering of moral standards."

"Not much experience is needed," he wrote, "to be fully aware of human weakness and to understand that human beings — and especially the young, who are so exposed to temptation — need incentives to keep the moral law, and it is an evil thing to make it easy for them to break that law."

The pope continued (and here's where I see parallels to Cuomo): "Another effect that gives cause for alarm is that a man who grows accustomed to the use of contraceptive methods may forget the reverence due to a woman, and, disregarding her physical and emotional equilibrium, reduce her to being a mere instrument for the satisfaction of his own desires, no longer considering her as his partner whom he should surround with care and affection."

The Cuomo behavior brings to mind something that John Paul II said in "The Gospel of Life," describing the widespread use of contraception and abortion as often being intertwined: "(S)uch practices are rooted in a hedonistic mentality, unwilling to accept responsibility in matters of sexuality, and they imply a self-centered concept of freedom, which regards procreation as an obstacle to personal fulfillment. The life which

could result from a sexual encounter thus becomes an enemy to be avoided at all costs, and abortion becomes the only possible decisive response to failed contraception."

Hedonism certainly seems to describe the Andrew Cuomo story. It wouldn't hurt to consider: What led to Andrew Cuomo? Certainly, in no small part, his father and predecessor as governor, Mario Cuomo, did — by openly defying the Catholic Church's position on abortion, saying he was personally opposed to it, but publicly for it. The problem with that, from a leadership point of view, is that the Catholic Church was actually offering helpful wisdom to the public square.

You don't have to be a practicing Catholic to see that something has gone extremely wrong in our society, and it started when women were encouraged to have sex like lecherous men can: without consequences. That inevitably pitted a mother against her unborn child. And here we are in this painful state. And I just don't mean New York, but life under sexually revolutionary values.

The fall of Andrew Cuomo should be an examination of conscience for a culture that has set women and girls up for predators. Women deserve better, and we should be able to expect better from men. That's not a generational problem: It's a human one.

Kathryn Jean Lopez is senior fellow at the National Review Institute, editor-at-large of National Review magazine and author of the new book "A Year With the Mystics: Visionary Wisdom for Daily Living." She is also chair of Cardinal Dolan's pro-life commission in New York. She can be contacted at klopez@nationalreview.com.

Wabash looks to hit the ground running

The Apaches will begin their season on Friday against Lapel

By CLAY MAXFIELD

Wabash Plain Dealer Freelance Reporter

A summer full of work has Wabash's varsity football team ready to compete this season. An Apaches team roster equipped with seven seniors and 11 juniors gives Wabash head coach Adam Hanley the right amount of talent and experience for them to begin overcoming their 6-5 record from a year ago along with a sixth-place finish in the Three Rivers Conference.

"We'll have some really competitive skill positions," Handley said. "We've got some depth at our receiver positions and defensive backs, safeties. There's some really good competition going on at those positions. ... The guys that have been there this summer have stepped right in and continued on with what we've been doing the last couple years here at Wabash."

As a team, the Apaches threw for over 200 yards per game last season while rushing for 109. Defensively, Wabash gave up 26 points a game.

From the offensive side of the ball, Colten Learned looks to take the position of the team's primary rusher after finishing 2020 with 265 yards and five touchdowns while sophomore Izaak Wright will line up behind center as the Apaches starting quarterback.

Wright played sparingly last sea-



Wabash's Brayden Sickafus tackles Northfield's Jake Halderman as he sprints into the end zone during a September 2020 game.

son, totaling 206 yards passing and one touchdown but his improvement throughout the off-season has Handley believing their offense is in good hands.

"He's got the attributes already

as a young kid. He'll be a fantastic

player here for us for the next cou-

ple of years. His biggest thing right now is to continue to get his feet wet at the varsity level. ... He's been doing a great job this summer and continuing to learn the offense," he said.

For the receivers, Mason Dillon

and Jared Brooks will be some of

the main targets that Wright will look link up with.

Despite the new faces throughout Wabash's offense, Handley says that the overall look of the offense intends to stay the same.

"Our offense isn't going to look a

whole lot different," Handley said.

Balanced offensive attack pivotal for Squires

Manchester begins its season on Friday at North Miami

By CLAY MAXFIELD

Wabash Plain Dealer Freelance Reporter

The Squires' previous 2020 run was a season in which Manchester's varsity football team touted a young roster along with handling the pitfalls of a stringent Three Rivers Conference.

With an offseason under their belt, Manchester is looking to raise the bar and eclipse their previous season's record of 2-8.

In his second season as Manchester's head coach, Alyx Brandewie's number one goal was to make sure his team was equipped and ready for the 2021 season after a tumultuous previous year.

"The focus for us has been trying to make sure that we have as much stuff installed and ready to go as we can do well," Brandewie said. "A year ago, we did not get a bunch of stuff put in. ... We're trying to make sure that we are as prepared as possible so our kids have a chance to succeed."

From the defensive side of the ball, Brandewie stated

that the heart of the Squire's defense in Dylan Stroud at safety and Josiah Hackworth at inside linebacker, are returning, giving Manchester an edge in terms of slowing opponents down.

Both players combined for 175 tackles last season.

"We got to make sure that we're able to stop people in situations where we're not

able to create turnovers or be

able to get sacks. We want to

just line up and play good,

sound fundamental defense,"

said Brandewie.

While only heading into

his second year as the head

coach of Manchester, Bran-

dewie says he is continuing

to learn and is encouraged by

the direction that the Squires

are heading.

"It's been a massive learn-

ing process for all of us,"

Brandewie said. "Coming

back for year two, we have a

much clearer vision for what

we want our identity to be of-

fensively, defensively and as

a program."

"On Friday nights, they're

the ones that have to go play

and compete and be out there

underneath the lights. I'm

just standing on the sidelines

holding the clipboard. Mak-

ing sure that they were an

integral part in developing an

identity for our program was

critical for us."

Offensively, the Squires

will lean on a balanced attack

of run and pass game with

senior running back, Brax-

ton Ream picking up where he left off after last year in which he tallied four games of 100+ yards along with 928 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Brock Casper will suit up

as the Squire's starting quar-

terback and intends to build

off of a sophomore season

of 1,738 yards and 16 touch-

downs while completing 50

percent of his passes.

Casper's targets will be

plentiful as his main receiv-

ers from a year ago are all

returning with Seth Gaerte,

Blake Pohler and Dylan

Stroud looking to eclipse a

season in where the three

allotted for 1,630 yards com-

bined along with 16 touch-

downs.

"We've seen some young-

er guys step up and step into

those roles," Brandewie said.

"From a skill position stand-

point, we bring everything

back. What that means for

us, we're just a lot more com-

fortable together as a group.

You can see it in practice."

"Our quarterbacks and

wide receivers are so much

more comfortable, our tim-

ing is so much better at this

point than it was a year ago."

Manchester begins their

season on the road with away

contests at North Miami on

Friday, Aug. 20, and Bluffton

High School to follow in week

two.

Clay Maxfield, Wabash Plain

Dealer freelance reporter, may

be reached by email at sports@

wabashplaindealer.com.



Southwood senior Elijah Sutton dodges Northfield junior Jaydan Goshert to bolt to the end zone during this September 2020 game.

Northfield looks to find success behind the offense

The Norse will look to break a three-year losing streak to Bluffton in week one of competition.

By CLAY MAXFIELD

Wabash Plain Dealer

Freelance Reporter

After a 6-4 season in 2020

that included a shutout loss

to Southwood in sectional

play, Northwood's varsity

football team is primed and

ready with a young squad to

add to their overall win total

while looking to make noise

in the postseason.

Despite graduating 12 senio-

rs last season, Northfield

head coach Brandon Baker

is confident that the talent

that they have coming up in

the ranks is more than ready

to take the Norsemen a step

forward.

"A lot of guys are going to

be kind of first time, step-

ping into a starter's role,"

Baker said. "These guys had

so everything we've been

doing so far, they've been

picking right up where we

feel like they should be."

The Norse did the majority

of their damage on offense

last year through their run

game, something that they

will continue to look to

wards starting Friday, Aug.

20 when they host Bluffton

High School.

Northfield will look to

break a three-year losing streak to Bluffton in week one of competition.

After averaging 238 yards

per game on the ground in

the 2020 season, Northfield

brings back quarterback and

weapon with his feet, Jake

Halderman while Jaydan

Goshert (360 yards, five

TDs) and Mason Fisher (211

yards, one TD) return this

season to bolster the Norse

run game.

Halderman proved to be

versatile with his attack

through the air last year as

well, throwing for 601 yards

while completing over 50

percent of his passes.

Baker noted this will be

an improvement in Halder-

man's game with more time

to process and make reads as

Northfield's five offensive

linemen have spent a sum-

mer working with the team

as well as attending camps

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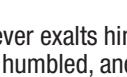
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DAILY SCRIPTURE

Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Matthew 23:12

Biden's Afghanistan horror

Few American presidents have had their blunders so spectacularly validated in real time as Joe Biden in Afghanistan.

"The likelihood there's going to be the Taliban overrunning everything and owning the whole country is highly unlikely," the 46th president told reporters in July after a decision to end U.S. military involvement there.

Taliban fighters entered Kabul Sunday demanding unconditional surrender after wresting nearly the entire country from government control in a matter of weeks.

Biden had just pledged support for Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and other leaders "as they seek to prevent further bloodshed and pursue a political settlement." But by Sunday, Ghani had fled the country.

It seemed all that was left for the Biden administration at that hour was damage control. "This is not Saigon," U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken argued on CNN Sunday morning, rejecting comparisons to the collapse of South Vietnam in 1975 two years after U.S. troops were pulled out. But even as he spoke, helicopters were rushing to evacuate personnel from the U.S. embassy in Kabul.

And behind the broad news of bedlam were voices of thousands reduced to living in abject fear with the Taliban's arrival; many, if not most, of them women who face a crushing and uncertain future of subjugation under a famously misogynistic regime.

"Keep us in your prayers," a terrified woman hiding in Kabul texted her sister, an Afghan-American living in the United States, as terrorists raged through the capital. That was her last message.

A brief history of Biden's Afghanistan decision-making since taking office makes one thing abundantly clear – the disaster that unfolded Sunday didn't have to happen.

After 20 years of war, there was palpable frustration by most Americans with the failure of three successive presidents to achieve anything other than a stalemate in Afghanistan. George Bush's decision to invade Iraq in 2003 drew valuable military resources away from the Afghan fight.

One outside chance for peace, however, was a pledge by Taliban leaders last year to open negotiations with the Kabul government. President Donald Trump used this as an excuse to pull all but a few thousand troops out of Afghanistan.

Biden could have conditioned any further drawdown on good faith efforts by the Taliban to reach a peaceful settlement with Kabul. But over the objections of military leaders who warned that the Afghan government would collapse without U.S. security assistance, Biden decided in April to end military involvement by September.

He promised troop withdrawal wouldn't be hasty. But, in fact, most were gone by early July. (The largest U.S. airbase was abandoned so suddenly that Afghan troops couldn't even figure out how to turn the electricity back on.)

It was a choice with disastrous consequences. Any incentive for the Taliban to negotiate peace was gone. A security umbrella of U.S. air cover that had staved off battlefield defeats for Afghan troops evaporated. (A small Afghan air force with pilots overworked and targeted for assassination has not been up to the task.) And crucially, the morale disintegrated among frontline Afghan troops already poorly fed, denied pay and deprived of bullets and fuel. Hundreds surrendered without firing a shot.

A chance to save Afghanistan? Biden needs to learn the lesson of Operation Linebacker

"Brother, if no one else fights, why should I fight?" one Afghan

soldier said, according to a Washington Post report.

A Taliban offensive that began with vacuuming up countless district centers manned by small numbers of security personnel in July accelerated in August to the capture of all major cities north, south and west until insurgents reached the gates of Kabul.

Shortly before those fighters reached the city, Biden had ordered 5,000 U.S. troops into Kabul to assist evacuating U.S. personnel, and it was unclear Sunday just exactly what was developing on the ground there.

But here is where there is no ambiguity:

Since the Taliban offensive, a growing humanitarian crisis has unfolded with 250,000 people fleeing their homes, all in the midst of a pandemic. And there are troubling reports of Taliban atrocities and score-settling.

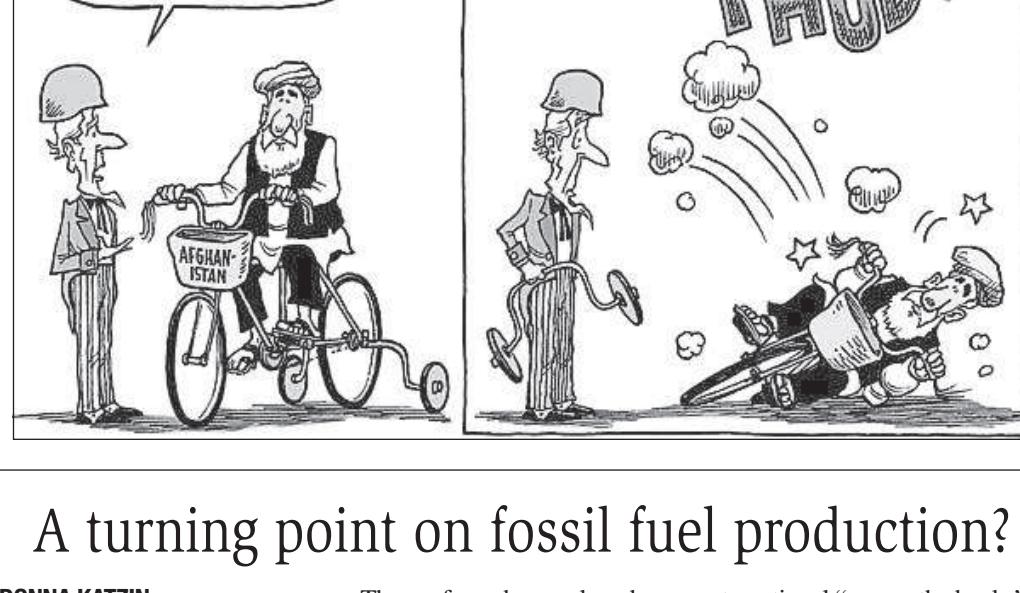
The White House said 20,000 Afghans were seeking special immigrant visas fearing for their lives because of working with Americans. They have tens of thousands of family members. How many got out and how many were left behind?

Others in danger include women activists who also should have been included in any evacuations.

Biden's "America is back" foreign-policy pledge to the world after years of Trump's global fecklessness now lies in ruins.

The president may have decided in April to militarily abandon Afghanistan to avoid further U.S. troop casualties. But he may wind up with the blood of U.S. friends and freedom activists on his hands, not only because of his decision to so rapidly exit, but because of his ensuing failure to carry out that mission before the Taliban aggression he unwittingly unleashed changed everything.

This editorial was first published in USA Today.



A turning point on fossil fuel production?

By DONNA KATZIN

May 26 was a trifecta for climate activists working for disinvestment from fossil fuels and reinvestment in renewable energy. Dissident Exxon Mobil shareholders won a stunning victory at the annual meeting, opposing four of management's proposed candidates and winning three seats on the company's Board for candidates supporting the transition to renewable energy.

The same day, Chevron stockholders rejected management's position and voted 61 percent of their shares to cut the company's "Scope 3" greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, that is, emissions including those of its suppliers and customers. Hours earlier, a Dutch court ordered Royal Dutch Shell to reduce its 2019 carbon emissions by 45 percent by 2030, replacing the company's current target of 20 percent.

These measures align with the Paris Climate Agreement commitment to limit the rise in our atmosphere's temperature to 1.5 degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels by 2050. And the fate of the planet may depend on whether oil and gas companies themselves join the battle for a sustainable future.

Last December, the United Nations Environment Programme warned that "countries are planning and projecting an average annual increase of 2 percent, which by 2030 would result in more than double the production consistent with the 1.5 degrees Celsius limit." To meet that limit, fossil fuel production would instead need to decrease by roughly 6 percent per year.

Those of us who employed shareholder activism as part of broader social justice campaigns decades ago recall the days when a three-percent vote, permitting shareholders to resubmit their resolutions the following year, seemed an insurmountable hurdle. And the oil lobby appeared unshakable.

Yet, anti-apartheid activists challenged Shell, Chevron and Mobil Oil for supplying oil to apartheid South Africa – "fueling apartheid." Together we galvanized support for the international boycott of Shell Oil and launched the ImMOBILize Apartheid Coalition to press the companies to stop supplying oil to South Africa until apartheid was no more. In April 1989, Mobil withdrew its \$400 million in assets from South Africa.

Other prolonged campaigns against giant oil companies' abuses – which disproportionately impact vulnerable communities of color – also won occasional success. The Nigerian government's execution of environmental activist Ken Saro-Wiwa in 1995 was followed by a multi-year campaign by the Ogoni people and allies around the world to win justice for the Ogoni people in the Niger Delta. In 2009, Shell agreed to pay \$15.5 million to settle a lawsuit for collaboration with the execution.

Activists targeting corporations may require many years to win significant victories. Campaigns for corporate disinvestment from South Africa began in the mid-1960s. But a key turning point only occurred in 1985, when Chase Manhattan Bank refused to roll over its maturing loans to South Africa – threatening an in-

ternational "run on the banks" that the country could not afford. Nine years later, South Africa marked the end of political apartheid with its first national democratic elections.

In 1994, many of South Africa's supporters turned from disinvesting from apartheid to reinvesting in the new democracy. This included Shared Interest, which for 27 years has guaranteed South and Southern African bank loans to small businesses and cooperatives in low-income Black communities, benefiting 2.3 million people.

It is too soon to tell whether May 26 will signal a turning point for the climate. That will depend on many factors, including government actions and the pace of technology as well as continued pressure from climate activists.

What is certain is that the time has come to focus not only on actions by governments but also to demand that oil and gas companies disinvest from fossil fuels and reinvest in renewable energy.

A South African proverb reminds us, "The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago. The next best time is now." Victories come often. But unless we sow the seeds now, they never will.

Donna Katzin is the founding executive director of Shared Interest, which she led for 26 years, having previously directed the South Africa and International Justice Programs of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility. In her longer essay on this topic, published by the newly formed US-Africa Bridge Building Project, Katzin lays out the rising potential to challenge corporations not only on climate but also other urgent crises such as domestic racial injustice and global inequality in access to life-saving vaccines.

Civic involvement: The flip side

Early in my newspaper career, I learned that our education reporter had tried to engineer a takeover of the school board behind the scenes.

He was also a parent, and he was unhappy with the elementary school his children were assigned to. He wanted some changes made, which would have been unlikely with the board as they constituted.

On a personal level, I could admire his civic engagement in caring about his children's education, but on a professional level, I was horrified.

This was exactly the kind of conflict of interest our journalism professors had warned about. Reporters should not cover things they are involved in. Aloof objectivity and all that.

No one else, it seemed, cared all that much, however. Not our newspaper bosses, most of whom came from an earlier era when professional ethics were a bit more flexible. Not even our readers, who understood that "everybody being in everybody else's business" was all but inevitable in a small community.

But how things have changed since then.

Ethical dictates, for one. The goal of dispassionate neutrality – "Just the facts, folks, and use them to make up your own minds" – has given way to unabashed advocacy. Too many journalists today seem comfortable not only with pushing their preferred agenda, but even with censoring "wrong" ideas that don't fit the narrative.

And civic engagement has diminished greatly in our "bowling alone" era of retreating to digital enclaves where political discourse amounts to little more than slogans battling in bumper-sticker partisanship. Boards full of citizens elected and appointed have been able to shape their communities, quietly and in large part without interference. Very much a behind-the-scenes endeavor.

There are signs, though, that civic re-engagement may be occurring, at least when it comes to school boards.

Across the country, parents and community members are storming board meetings in record numbers, making headlines when they protest curricula gone astray. Critical race theory and transgender demands, in particular, have made ordinary citizens question the direction education is taking in this country.

Here in Indiana, it is the fallout from the COVID pandemic filling up school board audiences – mask mandates, vaccination requirements, remote teaching broadcast from empty buildings.

"It is inconsiderate and unfair for individual patrons to disrupt the meeting where we have to adjourn or recess the meeting," the executive director of the Indiana School Board Association told an Indianapolis TV station recently. This disturbing trend, the newscast noted, "has happened at school board meetings across Indiana."

Surely this is a good thing.

Not the disruption, of course. Civic engagement should be civil, not excessively confrontational or pointlessly rude, especially if the goal is to change reluctant minds rather than just to get attention.

But if children are our future, then getting their education right should be the top item on our list of priorities. And if public schools are to be a meaningful part of that education future – many people today doubt that – communities must reassert themselves.

I don't envy school board members' frustrations as they try to serve many masters – schools of education, politicians from all levels of government, teachers, parents, children, taxpayers. And I don't doubt the sincerity with which most approach their efforts.

But I can't help feeling they've taken a wrong turn.

The current wisdom seems to be that a school board should be conduit for top-down policy, making sure the latest in expert-approved pedagogy is adopted in every classroom of every school. But its original mission was to be a conduit for bottom-up policy, the forum through which a community preserved its traditions, expressed its values, set its standards and dictated its educational needs.

We still have the right, and the absolute need, to control education locally, to dictate what is taught and how it is taught, how it is judged and graded and to what ends it is pursued.

Some believe, with justification, alas, that we have lost control of the federal government and are losing it at the state level.

But we can still make a difference locally. Pay attention to what is being done. Attend meetings and speak up. Organize. Even run for election or encourage someone you believe in to run. As my reporter colleague on the education beat knew, a school board seat is relatively easy to win.

If we still have a common culture in this country that can be rediscovered, celebrated and passed onto future generations, it won't filter down from any person or group's national agenda, but bubble up from communities.

One school board at a time.

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WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, AS OWNER TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF CSMC 2018-RPL12 TRUST,

Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND CREDITORS OF DONALD L. ARMSTRONG, SR. (DECEASED), et al.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a foreclosure of the real estate mortgage, legally described as:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE WABASH CITY PLAN COMMISSION TO RE-PLAT THE ARC LIGHT BUSINESS PARK Notice is hereby given on the 2nd day of August, 2021, Wabash County, Indiana, by its Board of Commissioners, filed an application for approval of a re-plotting of the Arc Light Business Park, located at the southeast corner of Indian Highway 15 and U.S. 24, more particularly described as follows:

Part of the Southwest Quarter and part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 28 North, Range 6 East, City of Wabash, Wabash County, Indiana, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 36, marked by a corner stone; thence South 89 degrees 12 minutes 52 seconds West (grid bearing, North American Datum 1983, Indiana East Zone) along the south line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 36, a distance of 203.06 feet to the point of curvature of a non-tangent curve to the left; thence northerly, along the easterly right of way line of Indiana State Road 13 and a curve to the left, having a radius of 4146.22, an arc length of 533.14 feet, and subtended by a chord bearing North 16 degrees 46 minutes 37 seconds East, a chord length of 532.77 feet to an iron rebar stake with "JHS RLS" identification; thence North 13 degrees 05 minutes 43 East, along said easterly right of way line, 1044.56 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the right, marked by an iron rebar stake with "JHS RLS" identification; thence northeasterly, along said easterly right of way line and a curve to the right, having a radius of 1382.40 feet, an arc length of 738.34 feet, and subtended by a chord bearing North 28 degrees 04 minutes 50 seconds East, a chord length of 729.59 feet to a right of way monument; thence North 46 degrees 03 minutes 15 seconds East, along said easterly right of way line, 244.71 feet to an iron rebar stake with "JHS RLS" identification; thence North 58 degrees 10 minutes 01 seconds East, along said easterly right of way line, 193.53 feet to a 2-inch diameter steel corner post; thence North 63 degrees 20 minutes 44 seconds East, along said easterly right of way line, 140.18 feet to the southwest corner of a tract of land owned by the State of Indiana as recorded on pages 364-367 of Deed Record 290 on file in the office of the Wabash County, Indiana Recorder, marked by an iron rebar stake with "JHS RLS" identification; thence South 89 degrees 14 minutes 43 seconds East, along the southerly boundary of said State of Indiana tract, 575.37 feet; thence South 86 degrees 17 minutes 45 seconds East, along said southerly boundary, 401.53 feet; thence North 84 degrees 07 minutes 48 seconds East, along said southerly boundary, 19.38 feet to the point of curvature of a non-tangent curve to the right; thence southwesterly, along the westerly right of way line of Norfolk-Southern Railway Company and a curve to the right, having a radius of 6775.55 feet, an arc length of 838.49 feet, and subtended by a chord bearing South 31 degrees 31 minutes 27 seconds West, a chord length of 837.95 feet to an iron rebar stake with "JHS RLS" identification; thence South 34 degrees 03 minutes 54 seconds West, along said westerly right of way line, 2114.24 feet to the south line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 36; thence South 89 degrees 04 minutes 50 seconds West, along the south line of said Southeast Quarter, 369.68 feet to the point of beginning; containing 58.54 acres, more or less.

The application, proposed revised plat, and all necessary information relating thereto, will be available for public inspection in the Plan Commission office at Wabash City Hall, 202 South Wabash Street, Wabash, Indiana, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday of each week until the date of the hearing on the application.

A public hearing will be held by the Wabash City Plan Commission on the 1st day of September, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., in Wabash City Hall, 202 South Wabash Street, Wabash, Indiana, at which time all interested persons will have the opportunity to be heard on the matters set forth in the application.

Marcie Shepherd

Wabash County Auditor

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Wabash County

Pursuant to the laws of the Indiana General Assembly, notice is hereby given that the following described property is listed for sale for delinquent taxes and/or special assessments. The county auditor and county treasurer will apply on or after 09/13/2021 for a court judgment against the tracts or real property for an amount that is not less than the amount set out below and for an order to sell the tracts or real property at public auction to the highest bidder, subject to the right of redemption. Any defense to the application for judgment must be filed with the Wabash County Circuit Court and served on the county auditor and treasurer before 09/13/2021. The court will set a date for a hearing at least seven (7) days before the advertised date of sale and the court will determine any defenses to the application for judgment at the hearing. The county auditor and the county treasurer are entitled to receive all pleadings, motions, petitions, and other filings related to the defense to the application for judgment.

Such sale will be held on 09/30/2021 at the Courthouse - Commissioners' Room 2nd Floor and that sale will continue until all tracts and real property have been offered for sale. At the discretion of local officials, the tax sale may switch to an online format. If those measures are taking place, the public auction will be conducted as an electronic sale under IC 6-1.1-24-2(b)10 at www.zeusauction.com commencing on the same date / time listed above. All location updates will be posted at www.sriservices.com prior to the tax sale. Property will not be sold for an amount which is less than the sum of:

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(B) the taxes and special assessments on the real property that are due and payable in the year of the sale, whether or not they are delinquent; and

(C) all penalties due on the delinquencies; and

(D) an amount prescribed by the county auditor that equals the sum of:

(1) twenty-five dollars (\$25) for postage and publication costs; and
(2) any other costs incurred by the county that are directly attributable to the tax sale; and

(E) any unpaid costs due under IC 6-1.1-24-2(c) from a prior tax sale.

No property listed below shall be sold if, at any time before the sale, the total amount for judgment is paid in full. If the real property is sold in the tax sale, the amount required to redeem such property will be 110% of the minimum bid for which the tract or real property was offered at the time of sale, if redeemed not more than six (6) months after the date of sale, or 115% of the minimum bid for which the tract or real property was offered at the time of sale, if redeemed more than six (6) months after the date of sale, plus the amount by which the purchase price exceeds the minimum bid on the real property plus five percent (5%) per annum interest on the amount by which the purchase price exceeds the minimum bid on the property. All taxes and special assessments upon the property paid by the purchaser subsequent to the sale, plus five percent (5%) per annum interest on those taxes and special assessments, will also be required to be paid to redeem such property.

In addition, IC 6-1.1-25-2 (e) states the total amount required for redemption may include the following costs incurred and paid by the purchaser or the purchaser's assignee or the county before redemption: (1) The attorney's fees and cost of giving notice under IC 6-1.1-25-4.5; (2) The costs of title search or examining and update the abstract of title for the tract or item of real property. The period of redemption shall expire on Friday, September 30, 2022 for certificates sold in the tax sale. For certificates struck to the county, the period of redemption may expire Friday, January 28, 2022.

If the tract or item of real property is sold for an amount more than the minimum bid and the property is not redeemed, the owner of record of the property who is divested of ownership at the time the tax deed is issued may have a right to the tax sale surplus.

The Auditor and Treasurer specifically reserve the right to withhold from the sale any parcel which has been listed in error, or which otherwise becomes ineligible for sale either prior to 09/30/2021 or during the duration of the sale.

This notice of real property tax sale, and the tax sale itself are undertaken and will be conducted pursuant to the requirements of the laws of the State of Indiana which regulate the sale of land for delinquent taxes, pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-24-1 et seq.

The County does not warrant the accuracy of the street address or common description of the property, and a misstatement in the key number or street address does not invalidate an otherwise valid sale. Minimum bid amounts are prescribed by law and are subject to change prior to the auction date.

Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-3(e), property descriptions may be omitted for properties appearing on the certified list in consecutive years. A complete property list may be obtained at www.sriservices.com or an alternative form upon request.

Registration For Bidding On the Tax Sale:

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Please arrive the morning of the tax sale at least 30 minutes before the beginning time to be assured you will receive your bid number before the start of the sale.

Please bring your registration form and W9 form with you the morning of the tax sale. You will be able to print these forms from the registration web site.

Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-5.1 a business entity that seeks to register to bid at the Wabash County Tax Sale must provide a Certificate of Existence or Foreign Registration Statement in accordance with IC 5-23 from the Secretary of State to the Wabash County Treasurer.

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Democrats unveil plan to update landmark voting law

By CHRISTINA A. CASSIDY

Associated Press

ATLANTA — House Democrats on Tuesday put forward a new proposal to update the landmark Voting Rights Act, seeking against long odds to revive the civil rights-era legislation that once served as a barrier against discriminatory voting laws.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Terri Sewell of Alabama, seeks to restore a key provision of the federal law that compelled states with a history of discrimination to undergo a federal review of changes to voting and elections. The Supreme Court set aside the formula that decided which jurisdictions were subject to the requirement in a 2013 decision and weakened the law further in a ruling this summer.

House Speaker Nancy

Pelosi, D-Calif., pledged to move quickly and said Democrats plan to pass the bill when the House returns next week.

"With the attack on the franchise escalating and states beginning the process of redistricting, we must act," Pelosi said in a statement.

The push comes at a time when a number of Republican-led states have passed laws tightening rules around voting, particularly mail ballots. Democrats have sounded the alarm about the new hurdles to voting, comparing the impact on minorities to the disenfranchisement of Jim Crow laws, but they have struggled to unite behind a strategy to overcome near-unanimous Republican opposition in the Senate.

The new House bill, known as H.R. 4, is named after Georgia congressman

and civil rights leader John Lewis, who died last year.

Sewell announced the introduction of the bill in front of the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, where Lewis was beaten during a civil rights march in 1965. The Voting Rights Act was signed into law a few months later.

"We're not looking to punish or penalize anyone. This is about restoring equal access to the ballot box. It's about ensuring that Americans know their vote counts and their vote will count at the ballot box," Sewell said.

The Lewis bill outlines a new, expanded formula that the Department of Justice can use to identify discriminatory voting patterns in states and local jurisdictions. Those entities would then need to get DOJ approval before making further changes to elections.

The bill also includes a provision designed to counter the summer's Supreme Court ruling that made it harder to challenge potentially discriminatory voting changes.

A companion bill pushed by Democrats, known as the For the People Act, has stalled in the Senate amid Republican opposition and disagreement among Democrats about whether to change procedural rules in the evenly divided Senate to get it passed.

Democrats have argued both bills are needed to safeguard access to the ballot. They emphasize that the update to the Voting Rights Act would not apply to many voting changes already made by the states. The For the People Act, on the other hand, would create minimum voting standards in the U.S., such as

same-day and automatic voter registration, early voting and no-excuse absentee voting. The bill would also change various campaign finance and ethics laws.

Senate Democrats have pledged to take up that more expansive bill when they return next month as the first order of business, though it is unclear how they can maneuver around GOP opposition.

Republicans signaled they'll try to stop the John Lewis Act much as they have the For the People Act. "This bill is a federal power grab and a gift to partisan, frivolous litigators who will use it to manipulate state laws and throw all federal elections into chaos, further undermining voter confidence in fair and accurate elections," said Jason Snead, executive director of Honest Elections Project

Action, a conservative advocacy group.

Voting rights groups have been putting pressure on Democrats to eliminate or change the filibuster rules in the Senate, which requires 60 votes to proceed with most legislation, to get around the broad GOP opposition to the bills. That partisan opposition leaves Democrats well short of the needed support to advance them in the 50-50 Senate.

At least two Democratic senators, Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona and Joe Manchin of West Virginia, have said they oppose eliminating the filibuster though discussions are ongoing about potential changes to the rules.

Groups that back the voting measures are planning marches in several cities on Aug. 28 to call on the Senate to remove the filibuster rule.

At Midwest state fairs no masks required, vaccines are free

By DAVID PITTS

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Nestled between corn dog stands, animal barns and booths touting hot tubs and John Deere tractors, a Hy-Vee pharmacist and several nurses have been administering COVID-19 vaccines at the Iowa State Fair to anyone eligible that wants one.

Their booth didn't have the long lines of more popular attractions, but by Monday more than 150 people had received a shot since the 11-day fair started on Thursday. More than 400,000 people attended the fair in its first four days.

Still, in a state where only half of the population is fully vaccinated, pharmacist Tiffany Aljets was encouraged that people were changing their minds.

"I think the (delta) variant has swayed a lot of people

that weren't sure if they wanted it or not, and a lot of people with kids want to get their kids back in school," Aljets said Monday.

State fairs in Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota and Wisconsin also are offering COVID-19 vaccinations as the delta variant spreads nationwide and relaxed masking leaves public health officials concerned about another surge in infections.

At the Iowa State Fair on Monday, three people got vaccinated in the first two hours. Elsewhere on the fairgrounds, people stood close together in lines for rides, cheese on a stick and funnel cakes. Others pushed baby strollers through crowded barns housing sheep, pigs, cows and horses with electric fans pushing air around on a sunny 82-degree day.

Masks were rare, although some wore them inside buildings.

Fair officials canceled the 2020 event due to COVID-19 but are following Republican Gov. Kim Reynolds' policy of personal responsibility by allowing fairgoers this year to decide whether to be vaccinated or wear a mask. Public health officials recommend wearing a mask where there are crowds.

The positivity rate in Polk County, where the fairgrounds are located, has increased to nearly 11 percent, according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data. Cases have accelerated rapidly in August, increasing by nearly 42 percent in the past week to a seven-day average of 758.

All but three of Iowa's 99 counties are experiencing a substantial or high rate of spread, and the state's vaccination rate has stalled at about 50 percent fully vaccinated.

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